

## **Organizations Gear Up for Earth Day 2000**

April 22nd is rapidly approaching, and the preparations for Earth Day 2000 are gaining momentum around the country and around the world. The Alliance to Save Energy (ASE) is doing its part by hosting a Web contest. Entry is simple -- just test your energy smarts with a four-question quiz – and the prizes are all energy-efficient Energy Star appliances. See ASE's Earth Day 2000 Web site at: <a href="http://www.ase.org/earthday">http://www.ase.org/earthday</a>.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is encouraging everyone to make the Energy Star label a part of their celebrations. The EPA has suggestions for using the Energy Star label and its family of energy-efficient products in your community, school, business, and other organizations. See the EPA Web site at: <a href="http://www.epa.gov/buildings/earthday2000/">http://www.epa.gov/buildings/earthday2000/</a>>.

The Earth Day 2000 preparations are being coordinated worldwide by the Earth Day Network, a non-profit organization. This year's theme -- "Clean Energy Now!" -- focuses on energy efficiency and renewable energy. In the United States, the main event will be the EarthFair 2000 on the Mall in Washington, D.C. Hosted by Leonardo DiCaprio, the event will feature hundreds of clean energy exhibits. To learn about Earth Day 2000 events in the United States and throughout the world, see the Earth Day Network Web site at: <a href="http://www.earthday.net/">http://www.earthday.net/</a>>.

The Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA) is contributing to EarthFair 2000 by holding its annual conference in Washington, D.C., during Earth Day. SOLTECH 2000 will be held just 12 blocks from the Mall, where SEIA will also erect a Solar Exhibition Tent featuring 40 booths plus technology demonstrations. See the SEIA Web site at: <a href="http://www.seia.org/Soltech2000/seiasoltech2000.htm">http://www.seia.org/Soltech2000/seiasoltech2000.htm</a>.